



Yellow Ribbon Program 101

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- “To prepare Soldiers and families for mobilization, sustain families during mobilization, and reintegrate Soldiers with their families, communities, and employers upon redeployment or REFRAD.”
- Yellow Ribbon Program is mandatory for those deploying OCONUS for 90 or more days and voluntary for those mobilized CONUS for 90 or more days.
- The 30, 60, and 90 day post deployment or REFRAD requirements are for reintegration purposes only. They are performed in Annual Training status for Soldiers. Family members/supporters are authorized to travel on



- The 1st YRP event is a 2-day event for Soldiers and two family members/supporters after alert and prior to deployment.
- It is designed to provide Soldiers and families with all the information they need to cope with the difficulties of extended separation and deployment.
- One primary goal is to ensure that family members are enrolled in DEERS, TRICARE, and related systems, and aware of support from other services and agencies.
- Events can be local to the Unit's home location or regional.



- The 2nd YRP event is a 1-day event for family members/supporters conducted during the first 30-60 days of the Soldier's deployment.
- The 3rd YRP event is a 1-day event for family Members/supporters conducted 30-60 days prior to the Soldier's return.
- These during-deployment events are done to assure the families/supporters are connected and remain connected with their Unit/Command and Family Programs' offices/staff.
- These events may involve qualified health professionals to identify "at risk" family members/supporters for referral to appropriate community agencies, as necessary. They are to assess and assist Families/supporters dealing with personal or organizational issues and then help prepare for the reunion/reintegration of the Soldier upon return.



- Regional Support Commands (RSC) sponsor Event 4, 5, 6.
- RSCs Conduct multi-tracked events monthly at off-site, family-friendly locations.
- These events are 2-day reunion/reintegration events for Soldiers and their family members/supporters.
www.yellowribbonevents.org
- Event 4: Commanders should attempt to get Soldiers and their family members/supporters to attend a first reintegration event approximately 30 days after REFRAD.
- Event 5: Units should schedule Soldiers and their family members/supporters approximately 60 days after REFRAD.
- Event 6: This event is for Soldiers-only approximately 90 days after REFRAD or redeployment.



- TRICARE
- UNITED CONCORDIA
- Military Family Life Consultants & JFSAP Program: Emotional Cycle of Deployment and Building Resiliency in Children
- MILITARY ONESOURCE
- VET CENTER
- ESGR
- FAMILY PROGRAMS OFFICE
- CHILD & YOUTH SERVICES
- RED CROSS
- Educational Opportunities: Example - Trident University International
- VFW



- Unit Commanders Responsibilities:
 - Work with YRP Team to schedule events as part of the overall deployment process.
 - Establish internal suspense dates for Soldiers and their families to attend YRP events.
 - Disseminate deployment & YRP event information to all Unit Members and their families.
 - Advocate the importance of attendance and participation in all YRP events.
 - Provide leadership at events (Rear DET OIC/NCOIC).



- Unit Commander Responsibilities Continued:
 - Produce orders for Soldiers and family members no later than 14 days of each event date. Produce an attendance roster complete with ages of attending children NLT 30 days out.
 - Obtain family member data via 107-R. Assure all are entered into RLAS and DTS.
 - Provide Rear DET POC to 416th YRP Team IOT facilitate planning for Event 2, 3.

- [Additional Information]



- Rear Detachment Commanders Responsibilities:
 - Position to be identified by Unit CDR – NLT YRP Event 1.
 - Work with FRSA to distribute promotional flyer – ensure family members are contacted.
 - Produce an attendance roster complete with ages of attending children NLT 30 days out. Identification of special topics/needs for families, Soldiers.
 - Complete DTS travel for family members no later than 14 days of each event date.
- [Additional Information]





- [YRP main POC]
- [Contact information – phone, email, etc.]





- [Other pertinent information about YRP, events, and responsibilities]

